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SUBJECT:PRESS GUIDANCE: MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY AND STATUS
OF BASE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A. MANILA 11564; B. MANILA 11565

WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT GET INTO SPECIFICS
ON THE QUESTION OF U.S. OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE MUTUAL
DEFENSE TREATY. IF QUESTIONED ON OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER
THE TREATY, WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD SIMPLY REFER TO THE
PRESIDENT'S AND THE SECRETARY'S REPEATED RE-AFFIRMATIONS
OF OUR INTENTIONS TO HONOR OUR COMMITMENTS IN ASIA, MOST
RECENTLY IN THE SECRETARY'S SEATTLE SPEECH ON JULY 22.
WE REPEAT AGAIN OUR SUGGESTION THAT YOU AVOID FORMAL
PRESS CONFERENCE OR DETAILED EXCHANGE WITH THE PRESS.
THE BEST WAY TO HANDLE THIS IS AN ARRIVAL STATEMENT,
WITH NO QUESTIONS AND A SIMPLE DEPARTURE STATEMENT WITH
A FEW QUESTIONS IN PASSING. HABIB

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